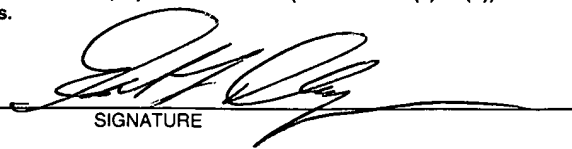


<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		CUSTOMER NO. 22,852 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: 07040.0263 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/581,093
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP2003/014119</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>December 12, 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A TYRE COMPRISING THE STEP OF MARKING A STRUCTURAL ELEMENT THEREOF</b>		
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US: <b>1) Claudio LACAGNINA and 2) Filippo MAGNANI</b>		
Applicants herewith submit to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A Substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of cover page of International Publication No. <b>WO 2005/0058588 A1</b>.</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> International Search Report of European Patent Office.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney from Assignee.</li> <li>e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As-filed application.</li> <li>f. <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ol> </li> </ol>		

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The following fees have been submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO Use Only
21. <input type="checkbox"/> BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)): .....\$300.00				\$	
22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37CFR 1.492(c))				\$	
If the Written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$0				\$	
All other situations.....\$200					
23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))				\$	
If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$0					
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100					
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400					
All other situations.....\$500					
<b>TOTAL of 21, 22 and 23 =</b>				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$130.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	39 - 20 =	19	x \$50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+\$360.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$130.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$130.00	
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$1310.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.				\$	
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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 130.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</b></p> <p><b>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</b></p> <p>Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett &amp; Dunner, L.L.P. 901 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20001-4413 EFC/FPD/sci</p> <p>DATED: March 22, 2007</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">         SIGNATURE        Ernest F. Chapman/25.961        NAME/REGISTRATION NUMBER     </div>					



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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/31/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/31/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/31/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/31/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/31/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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